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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The Applicants enclose Form PTO-1449 together with a copy of the listed non-U.S. publication. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report dated December 17, 2007 is also enclosed. The documents are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The publications are believed related in view of their mention in the Search Report for the reasons stated.

Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from any foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago.

The Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered into the file and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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